STATEMENT

Rural Development Programmes

1. Jawahar Rozgar Yojana
2. Employment Assurance Sscheme
3. Indira Awaas Yojana
4. Million Wells Scheme
5. Rural Housing*
6. Integrated Rural Development Programme
7. Training of Rural Youth for Self Employment
8. Drought Prone Area Programme
9. Desert Development Programme
10. Rural Water Supply Programme
11. Rural Sanitation
12. Strengthening of State Training Centre
13. Strengthening of Extension Training Centre
14. Grants-in-aid to Institute for Agrarian Studies and Computerisation of Land Records
15. Strengthening of Revenue Machinery and Updating of Land Records
16. Roads in Special Problem Areas
17. National Social Assistance Programme
18. Grants to National Institute of Rural Development
19. Assistance to Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology
20. Organisation of Training Courses, Seminars and Workshops
21. Assistance to Assignees of Ceiling Surplus Land**
22. National Commission on Revitalisation of Revenue Administration
23. Organisation of Rural Poor
24. Communication Cell
25. Promotion of Voluntary Scheme
26. Organisation of Beneficiaries
27. Panchayat Development and Training
28. Agricultural Marketing
29. Building for A.A. R.R.O.
30. Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas

* Rural Housing is merged with Indira Awaas Yojana

** Transferred to the State Governments.

Sales of Kendriya Bhandar

855. SHRI RAMSAGAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the annual sales of the Kendriya Bhandar during the preceding three years including 1996 so far;

(b) upto which year the accounts of the Kendriya Bhandar have been audited: and

(c) the details of the shortcomings/irregularities noticed in their accounts by the auditors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) Annual Sales of the Kendriya Bhandar during the last three years were as follows :

Year	Sales figures (Rs. in lakhs)
1993-94	10,002.83
1994-95	11,758.01
1995-96	13,888.18

Information for the period from April, 1996 onwards is not available as the accounts will be finalised on close of the current financial year.

(b) The accounts have been audited upto the year 1995-96.

(c) Except for some minor observations about operations and maintenance of accounts, no material shortcomings or irregularities have been noticed by the auditors in their reports and audited Annual Accounts.

Sharad Pawar Committee

856. SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Planning Commission has ordered a full-fledged review of the power sector;

(b) whether the three year old Sharad Pawar Committee report which had called for far reaching changes in the electricity sector is being reconsidered by the Planning Commission;

(c) if so, whether the Planning Commission has accepted the recommendations of the Sharad Pawar Committee report; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Planning Commission to direct the Power Ministry to implement these recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) Ninth Plan exercise will include in-depth review of Power Sector.

(b) to (d). The recommendations of the Sharad Pawar Committee are presently under examination of the Planning Commission. The Report would be placed before the National Development Council after this examination for evolving the steps to be taken with relation to these recommendations.

Uranium Deposits

857. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the particulars of places of uranium deposits and their quantity of ore, grade and quantity of uranium metal;

(b) whether the Jadugoda mines in Bihar has the largest deposits of high quality uranium in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government propose to set up more Atomic Energy Research Stations to use the uranium for development purposes; and

(e) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) The details of viable uranium ore deposits in the country are given below :

S.No.	Place	Qty. of ore (In million Tons)	Average grade of U308	Qty. of Uranium (U308) Metal therein (In Tons)
1.	Jaduguda, Bihar	10.7	0.067%	6700
2.	Bhatin, Bihar	2.25	0.051%	1150
3.	Narwapahar, Bihar	25.01	0.044%	11000
4.	Mohuldih, Bihar	2.83	0.063%	1700
5.	Domiasiat, Meghalaya	9.22	0.104%	9500

Apart from this, deposits consisting of around 3950 tons of uranium metal of 0.93% grade have been located recently in Lambapur area in Andhra Pradesh. Uranium Metal is also extracted from copper tailings from copper mines in Bihar.

(b) and (c). Jaduguda deposits are not the largest but they are the oldest and of comparatively higher grade as shown in (a) above.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Tail Pond Dam Power House

858. SHRI T. GOPAL KRISHNA :
DR. M. JAGANNATH :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether the projects relating to Tail Pond Dam Power House (down stream of Nagarjuna Sager) in Andhra Pradesh are being recommended for assistance as requested by the Government of Andhra Pradesh

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed for assuring external assistance for early implementation of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) to (c) Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board (APSEB) had requested Government of India to pose Nagarguna Sagar Tail Pond Dam Power House hydroelectric scheme (2x25 MW) for external funding during the 9th Plan period. The project can be posed for external assistance only after the project receives clearance from Ministry of Environment and Forests and investment approval from Planning Commission.

[Translation]

Russian Assistance for Metro Rail Project

859. SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government of Russia have offered to extend financial assistance for metro-rail project to be developed in the National Capital Region of Delhi

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

I.S.I. Activities in J and K

860. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that the Pakistan's Intelligence Agency (I.S.I.) has any nefarious design to target newly elected Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir State;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Union Government in this regard;

(c) the action being taken by the Central Government to provide adequate security to the Chief Minister;